	ECL	BCCL
Interest	46.18	44.54
Others	71.67	65.69
TOTAL	709.54	526.66

The benefit of better productivity of BCCL in comparison to that of ECL to significant extent is being neutralised by the lower sale price of BCCL coal.

Payment of CCS to Public Sector Exporting Companies

791. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

(c) whether it is a fact that some vested interests were causing hinderances in the export growth; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken against such vested interests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Core Group will provide a forum for facilitating interaction between Govt. and Industry to resolve operational problems in the interests of export promotion. While such inter-actions did take place even earlier, the formation of the Group will institutionalise the mechanism of inter-action to make it regular and effective.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Per Capita Consumption of Food

789. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita consumption of food; and

(b) whether the per capita consumption is same for several years or has decreased?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The daily per capita net availability of foodgrains (cereals and pulses) for domestic consumption in the recent past has been computed as under, as given in the Economic Survey 1994-95:—

(In grams)

1992	468.5
1993	464.4
1994	474.2

(The figures are provisional)

SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases relating to payment of cash compensatory support to the public sector exporting companies are still pending for payments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when these cases are pending in each regional office of D.G.F.T.;

(c) the number of cases in which Government had requested the audit authorities to drop their objections and to allow payments to be made;

(d) whether these cases will be expedited and settled at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) No cas of any Public Sector undertaking i pending for payment of CCS. In respe of one case of M/s. Balmer Lawrie Co. Ltd., the Audit had raised objectic about alleged overpayment to the exte of nearly Rs. 71,69,714. The matter w taken up with the Principal Director Audit, Madras, who reduced the amo of overpayment to about Rs. 69,04,9

This amount has since been recovered from the party.

शहरी गरीबों को सस्ती दरों पर राशन उपलब्ध कराने की योजना

792. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय देश में कुल कितने प्रकार की सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणालियां काम कर रही हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार शहरी गरीबों को ग्रामीण गरीबों की अपेक्षा सस्ती दरों पर राशन देने की कोई योजना बना रही है;

(ग) इस समय खाद्य सब्सिडी पर कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जाती है और इस योजना से इसके लिए कितनी अतिरिक्त सब्सिडी की आवश्यकता होगी; और

(घ) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली सारे देश में लागू है। केन्द्रीय सरकार ने विभिन्न क्षेत्र विकास कार्यक्रमों, जैसे मरुस्थल विकास कार्यक्रम, सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम, निर्धारित पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों तथा समेकित आदिवासी विकास परियोजनाओं के तहत आने वाले ब्लाकों में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली को पहुंच में सुधार करने के लिए 1992 में संपुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली शुरू की थी।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान खाद्य सहायता के खाते में निर्मुक्त राशियां तथा 1995-96 बजट अनुमान इस प्रकार है:—

वर्ष	करोड़ रुपए में
92-93	2785
93-94	5537
94-95	4509
95-96 (बजट अनुमान)	5250

चूंकि ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले गरीब लोगों की तुलना में शहरों में रहने वाले गरीब लोगों को सस्ती दरों पर खाद्यान्न वितरण करने की कोई स्कीम नहीं है अतः ऐसी किसी स्कीम पर कोई अतिरिक्त राजसहायता खर्च किए जाने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Guidelines for consultancy business

793. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(c) Export of consultancy services, including computer software, in terms of foreign exchange earnings, during 1994-95 was estimated Rs. 1700 crore (Source: FIEO), which marked a growth rate of 24% over the previous year.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated new guidelines to promote foreign consultancy at the cost of Indian consultancy business;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove such guidelines; and

(c) what are the details of the growth rate of Indian consultancy business during the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Scam in coal sector

794. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Indian Express' of Ist May, 1995 under the caption, "Scam in PSUs puts Bofers to shame";